GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
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MINERAL RESERVES IN TRIBAL AREAS OF M.P.
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of presence of minerals in tribal dominated areas of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; district-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to explore mineral resources present in the said areas ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The district-wise recoverable reserves of major ores/minerals in Tribal Areas of Madhya Pradesh is given in Annexure.

(c) : Geological Survey of India (GSI) has taken up mineralinvestigations for gold and basemetals in Jabalpur, Sidhi, Katni and Betul districts of Madhya Pradesh and MECL will undertake investigation for copper in Balaghat district.

Annexure

MINERAL RESOURCES IN THE TRIBAL DISTRICTS OF MADHYA PRADESH

Sl.No	District	Mineral	Recoverable reserves as on 1.4.1995	Unit
1.	Balaghat	Bauxite	11168	Th. Tonnes
		+Copper		
		Ore	170906	Th. Tonnes
		Metal	1843	-do-
		Dolomite	68249	Th. Tonnes
		Limestone	71255	Th.Tonnes
		Manganese Ore	23645	Th. Tonnes
		+Molybdenum		
		Ore	80,00,000	Tonnes
		Metal	2,762	
		Quartzite	2,697	Th. Tonnes
2.	Betul	China clay	111	Th. Tonnes
		Fire clay	346	Th. Tonnes
		Iron Ore(Hae.)	8	Th. Tonnes
		Graphite	10128	Tonnes
		+Lead-zinc (Ore)	615	Th. Tonnes
		+Lead(metal)	-	-
		+Zinc(metal)	25.94	Th. Tonnes
3.	Chindwara	China clay	72	Th.tonnes
		Dolomite	17723	Th. Tonnes
		Fireclay	36	Th. Tonnes
		Limestone	840	Th. Tonnes
4.	Dhar	Baryte	24500	Tonne
		Limestone	180068	Th. Tonnes
		Quartzite	8	Th. Tonnes
		Talc-Steatite		
		-Soapstone	872	Th. Tonnes

5.Jhabua Calcite 52755 Tonnes
Dolomite 629525 Th. Tonnes
Limestone 118 Th. Tonnes
Rock Phosphate 23560132 Tonnes
Talc-Steatite-
Soapstone 3368 Th.tonnes
6.Khargaon Calcite 270359 Tonnes
China clay 15 Th. Tonnes
Limestone 175309 Th. Tonnes
Quartzite 35 Th. Tonnes

7Seoni Dolomite 227915 Th. Tonnes

8.Mandla Dolomite 85468 Th. Tonnes
Ochre 284670 Tonnes
Fuller`s Earth 58600 Tonnes
Bauxite 12421 Th. Tonnes

9.Shahdol Bauxite 3414 Th. Tonnes
China clay 135 Th. Tonnes
Felspar 9 Tonnes
Fireclay 15565 Th. Tonnes
Gypsum 0.35 Th. Tonnes
Limestone 400 Th. Tonnes
Ochre 247140 Tonnes
Quartzite 22 Th. Tonnes
10.Siddhi Baryte 82600 Tonnes
Bauxite 140 Th. Tonnes
China Clay 1 Th. Tonnes
Fireclay 155 Th.tonnes
Sillimanite 50800 Tonnes
Limestone 336467 Th. tonnes

+ as on 1-4-2000

In addition to above a total geological reserve of 14360.80 million tonnes of coal have ben established in Singrauli coal field of Madhya Pradesh as on 1.1.2000